

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

The paragraph spanning pages 23 and 24 is amended to read:

An example of this latter possibility is represented in figures 38 and 39, whereby strip-shaped holders 4 are laid on an underlayer 66, and whereby the panels 2 are systematically snapped-in on it. The holders 4 hereby each have several pairs of fixing parts 10-12 which are made analogous to the above-described fixing parts, whereas the panels 2 have profiles 6 and 7 on their edges which are also analogous to the profiles of the above-described panels 2. It is clear that thus is obtained a floor covering which makes it possible to remove a panel from any place whatsoever and to put it back and/or to replace it. It should be noted that the space between the panels 2, which is required to be able to laterally move the panels 2 against the force of the fixing means, can possibly be restricted to a minimum, so that also joints which are visible on the surface of the panel 2 are minimal. Possibly, the fixing parts which co-operate with the edge 6 as well as with the edge 7 can be made such that they can be laterally moved in a flexible manner, such that when a panel is removed, several panels lying next to one another can be laterally pushed aside. This makes it possible for the panels 2 to mesh relatively far, for example with their tongue 35 and groove 36, or with other overlapping parts, whereas the mutual clearance between two successive panels 2 can be kept relatively small. When a panel 2 is disassembled, this panel 2 can then be shifted together with several adjacent panels, so that the clearances of the different panels cumulate, and a sufficiently large shift can be realised on the place of the panel 2 to be removed to allow for a disconnection.